

## COUNTY CLERK CRANE GONE.

ACCUSED OF FORGERY BY SEVERAL RELATIVES AND FRIENDS.

His Personal Debt Estimated at \$50,000 or More—Left Westchester County on Friday and Took Train for the North—Supposed to Have Been Living in Mexico—None of the County's Money Missing.

James F. D. Crane, County Clerk of Westchester county, who disappeared from his home, died, it was learned yesterday, to avoid arrest for having forged notes and mortgages to a very large amount, variously estimated at from \$50,000 to \$75,000. These notes and mortgages were discovered by his friends, and he also borrowed of many of them sums ranging from \$50 to \$1,000 each. The forgeries were committed during the present year, and the money is said to have been invested in Wall street. His losses there in October and November are reported to be \$25,000. It is thought he took a very large sum away with him, although he tried very hard to borrow money a week before he left. How much he obtained is not known. His credit has been bad for a long time, and it has been a common thing for his checks to go to protest. Before the election, last month, when he was elected to the county clerk, it was alleged that he was hard pressed for money and that another term would give him a chance to get on his feet again. He was elected by 2,500 majority, an increase of 350 over his majority of three years ago.

The value of the County Clerkship is about \$5,000 a year, and Crane was a wealthy man. He was married to a daughter of a wealthy family, and he had three children. The house of his aunt and mother-in-law, Mrs. Hannah Fulton, is on the corner of Broadway and Third street, in the limits of New York. It is a handsome house, finely furnished, with a large garden. Crane was a member of the Fulton family, and his father, J. Fulton, a daughter, and Miss Priscilla Smith, a sister of Mrs. Fulton.

Mrs. Fulton, and Isaac M. Dyckman, of New York, who inherited \$170,000 from the Smith estate of New York. Many reports have been made of Crane's extravagance. He was a member of the Westchester county board of supervisors, and he was a member of the County Board of Supervisors. He was a member of the County Board of Supervisors, and he was a member of the County Board of Supervisors. He was a member of the County Board of Supervisors, and he was a member of the County Board of Supervisors.

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London, Dec. 2.—Liberal hopes run high tonight. Many counties have given widely in their voting components have given Liberal majorities. In Durham, Gloucester, and Norfolk there have been huge Liberal majorities. This leads the Liberal leaders to believe that the bulk of the newly elected members will be Liberal. The Liberal cause is more encouraging than it has been for some time.

## THE CASE OF GEN. SHAVER.

Monmouth B. Wilson, Under a Doctor's Care—He Will Testify Today.

Soon after the Grand Jury entered their room in the General Sessions building yesterday morning District Attorney Martine entered. He called the attention of the Grand Jury to the charges against Gen. Shaver of accepting a bribe of \$50,000 from the Hon. John Monmouth B. Wilson, to affect his action as a member of the Army Commission in regard to the purchase of army stores. The case is now before the Grand Jury.

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